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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEETING

May 18, 1970

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chairman of the University Faculty, Dr. Emil Kmetec, at 3:30 p. m. in room 112 Oelman.
- II. The minutes of the November 24, 1969 meeting were approved as previously distributed.
- III. Special Reports
 - A. Summary report of the Academic Council, 1969-70. Dr. David Karl reporting. See Attachment A.
 - B. Communication from Dr. Marvin Seiger. See Attachment B.
- IV. Old Business - none.
- V. New Business
 - A. Dr. Skinner moved, Dr. Seiger seconded to recommend to the Board of Trustees the awarding of the degrees indicated on the lists available through the Office of the Registrar or the Vice President of the Faculty contingent upon successful completion of their work.

Motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Other New Business
 1. Mrs. Olds requested consideration of the series of motions which was distributed. (Attachment C)

Request to consider first motion denied by a show of hands vote.
 2. Request was made for consideration of Dr. Klein's motion regarding calendar adjustments during national elections.

Request denied by a show of hands vote.
 3. Request was made that the other two items on Mrs. Olds memorandum be considered.

Request other two items denied by a show of hands vote.

VI. Election of the Vice President of the General Faculty for 1970-71

Dr. Emil Kmetec was nominated and elected unanimously to this position.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p. m.

Walker M. Allen, Jr.
Walker M. Allen, Jr. Secretary

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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL
1969 - 1970

The actions of the Academic Council in the 1969-1970 year reflected in large measure the degree of maturity which the University is now reaching. We had in general fewer frantic reactions to immediately pressing needs and more thoughtful study of broad long-range problems.

The following items were acted upon by the council:

1. Approved a large number of course additions and revisions.
2. Approved new programs in Dance and Nursing.
3. Approved a change in the total number of credits needed for graduation from 186 to 183, to be consistent with present General Education Requirements.
4. Approved the 1970-1971 Academic Calendar.

Several very important pieces of legislation are scheduled for action at the June meeting:

1. The Charter of the Student Judicial Council
2. Code of Regulations (for students)
3. A Due Process Mechanism for Faculty.
4. A proposed new program in Rehabilitation Education
5. A proposed new policy on dropping courses without grades.

Many other actions and studies resulted from Council Committee activities, for example:

1. A proposal on a Academic Leave Policy is being worked out. (Faculty Affairs Committee)
2. A report of a survey and study of the grading system is in preparation (Curriculum Committee)
3. Appointed a Traffic Appeals Committee (Faculty Affairs Committee)

4. A study of the problems of Freshmen is in progress.
(Resources Committee)
5. Advised appropriate offices concerning University 15 year plans
(Resources Committee)

Problems which will require major effort in the near future include general study of the Governance of Wright State and a study of general course patterns and structure.

I would like to express my thanks to all the members of the council for their contributions and especially to the Committee Members and Chairman who gave so generously of their time and talents.



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Department of Biology

May 11, 1970

Dr. Emil Kmetec
Vice President of the General Faculty
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Dear Dr. Kmetec:

I am deeply concerned about the lack of interest in scholarly activities at Wright State University. Generally, very few faculty and students attend the Wright State Artist and Lecture Series. For example, at the last lecture only 17 people came to hear our Ambassador-in-residence, Mr. E. Allen Lightner, talk. This, despite the fact that evidently an effort had been made to distribute announcements all around the university.

On May 28, 1969 the Academic Council approved a proposal that a University-wide Professorial Lecture Series be established in the 1969-70 school year. Each person promoted to full professor was to have presented a scholarly lecture to the Wright State Community. This lecture series has never been started. I have received no replies to my enquiries and I do not know why the lectures have not been presented this year. I would sincerely hope that the people we promote to the rank of full professor would be capable of presenting such a lecture.

As chairman of the University Honors Committee, I have tried very hard to evoke interest in the honors program. Seven months ago each of the deans and the 27 department chairmen received copies of the five honors programs submitted last year in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Religion to aid them in preparing their honors program. Other entreaties to submit their programs both preceded and followed this communication. To date, not one single honors program has been submitted this year. Certainly I have been solicited by interested students who want the opportunity to participate in an honors program. But there have to be interested professors who are willing to help and to work with such students.

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On April 22 a tremendous and noble event was staged at our university by the students, the Environmental Teach-In. Aside from the faculty participating in the program, very few faculty attended what had to be one of the better Teach-Ins in the country. I was very proud of our students. They, on the other hand, were quite put out at the lack of faculty interest.

I have no solution for this problem, but by bringing it to the attention of the faculty I hope that they will become interested enough to solve the problem.

Sincerely yours,



Marvin Seiger
Associate Professor

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Office of the Registrar

May 11, 1970

Dr. Wmil Kmetec
Vice-President of the Faculty
Wright State University

Dear Emil,

I would like to submit the following items for inclusion on the agenda for the May 18 meeting of the faculty. These resolutions were passed almost unanimously at a meeting of over 500 faculty and students on May 7.

1. That we disapprove of the use of the National Guard on college campuses to deal with student demonstrations.
2. That we feel all American troops should be withdrawn from Cambodia immediately and from Vietnam as soon as possible.
3. That we disapprove of the presence or the use of guns or firearms on our college campus.

I hope that these will be ratified at the official meeting of the faculty.

Yours truly,

Patricia C. M.